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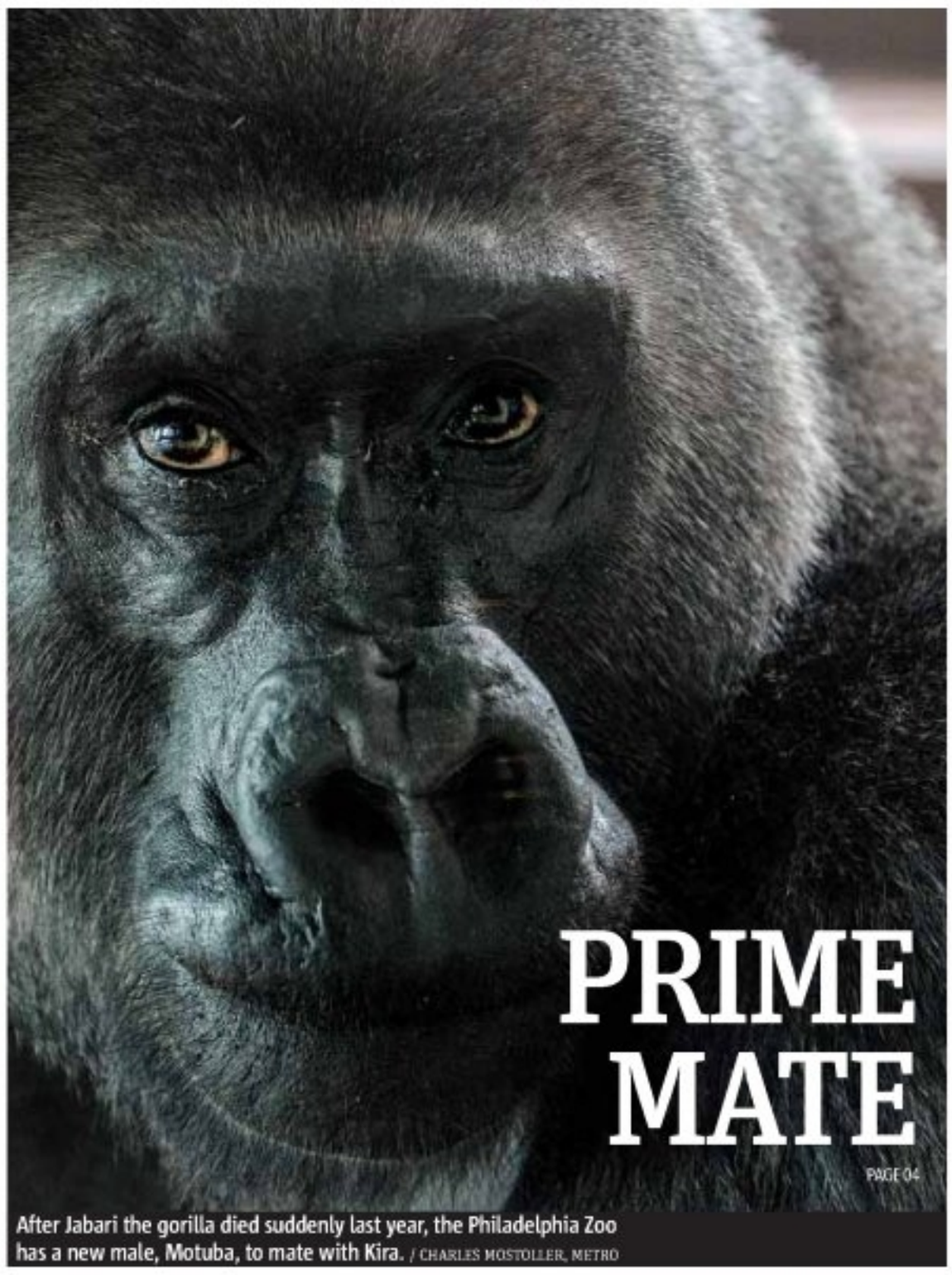
Slumlord's victims in limbo, five years later

Holdup. Robert Coyle Sr. is in prison, but 100 of the homes he let rot away in Kensington and Port Richmond are still there. **Nobody wants them anymore.** The group that struck a deal to take over the dilapidated properties now wants to pursue an auction. **Relief?** One renter says after all this time, her home may be repaired. PAGE 02



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After Jabari the gorilla died suddenly last year, the Philadelphia Zoo has a new male, Motuba, to mate with Kira. / CHARLES MOSTOLLER, METRO

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"I am very pleased to announce that our Administration's labor team ... came to an agreement with representatives from AFSCME District Council 47."

Mayor Michael Nutter on the Union 47 agreement.

Trial

Officer pleads guilty to forcing women to perform sex acts at gunpoint

A former Philadelphia police officer who was once called a hero and given a seat next to first lady Michelle Obama at a speech by the president pleaded guilty Tuesday to charges arising from an incident where he forced two women at gunpoint to use heroin and perform oral sex on him.

Richard DeCoatsworth, of Port Richmond, pleaded guilty to charges of promoting prostitution, simple assault and distributing heroin, but avoided more serious charges of rape. His sentencing is set for March.

Police said that DeCoatsworth, 28, left a party with two women in May and took them to another location, where he pulled out a handgun and "forced the two females to engage in the use of narcotics and sexual acts."

DeCoatsworth was hailed as a hero in 2007 after he was shot in the face with a shotgun during a traffic stop but still was able to chase down the suspects. METRO

I-95

Man hurt, 100 gallons of fuel spilled

One man was injured and about 100 gallons of diesel fuel were spilled from a truck in a two-vehicle collision on I-95 in Kensington on Tuesday morning.

The incident happened just before 6 a.m. in the northbound lanes of I-95 near the Girard Avenue exit.

The driver of the passenger car involved in the wreck was rushed to the hospital. METRO

The inside of Zulma Rivera's, inset, house is falling apart. / CHARLES MOSTOLLER, METRO

Glimmer of hope for scam victims

Auction. The fate of 100 of slumlord Robert Coyle's former properties was debated at a City Hall hearing.

At a hearing Monday, the group that tentatively agreed a year ago to participate in rehabbing and selling 100 Kensington and Port Richmond properties linked to jailed slumlord Robert N. Coyle Sr. announced it will seek to instead auction off the properties within 60 days.

The reason?

"A bureaucratic nightmare," as Kenpor LP attorney Marc Zucker described it.

Kenpor (short for Kensington-Port Richmond), which purchased Coyle's defaulted loans, struck a deal in September 2012 to take over the properties under a settlement with the city, but didn't get the deeds until November 2013.

This prevented Kenpor from actively working on the properties, it claims. During that period, the properties deteriorated further. Now, Kenpor wants to pursue an auction and has guaranteed to seek out "legitimate" buyers.

But Councilwoman Maria Quinones-Sanchez is worried about Kenpor's auction plans.

"I am concerned to hear that these properties may now be offered up in an open auction, which would make it even harder for the city to ensure they are brought back up to code," Quinones-Sanchez said via email. "Repeated changes of ownership have left the properties in limbo, with most vacant or occupied by squatters, and it is impossible to overstate the devastating effect that this has had on the surrounding community."

But Kenpor's lawyers pledged to seek competent buyers.

"If these were just disposed of to another slumlord, she would have good reason to be concerned. She doesn't want that to happen and we don't want that to happen," said attorney Walter Weir. "Kenpor believes that getting local talent, as we did with the first 10 properties that we sold, is the most efficient, effective and the quickest way to restore these properties to code-compliant status and to get them improved."

For Zulma Rivera, who started renting from Coyle in 2006 and lost about $20,000, the original settlement with Kenpor did not bring any stability to her home, which has a leaky roof, no heat and no gas, she said.

But on Tuesday, a Kenpor employee visited Rivera's home, and lawyers for the company said they intend to make repairs.

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Slumlord millionaire

How one man destroyed a neighborhood

Dubbed the "slumlord millionaire," Robert Coyle Sr. ran riot with Philadelphia's property laws in the 2000s. He duped buyers into phony "rent-to-buy" agreements in which they thought their monthly payments were going toward a final sale and even utilities. In 2008, as the economy crashed, Coyle defaulted on $10 million in loans and the bank foreclosed on about 150 properties. Victims found their savings were not credited against foreclosure proceedings or massive tax liens.

Coyle was indicted by federal prosecutors for loan fraud in March 2012 and sentenced to six years in prison last May.

By the numbers

$3.4M
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$6.6M
June 2007 loan to Coyle from First Republic Bank

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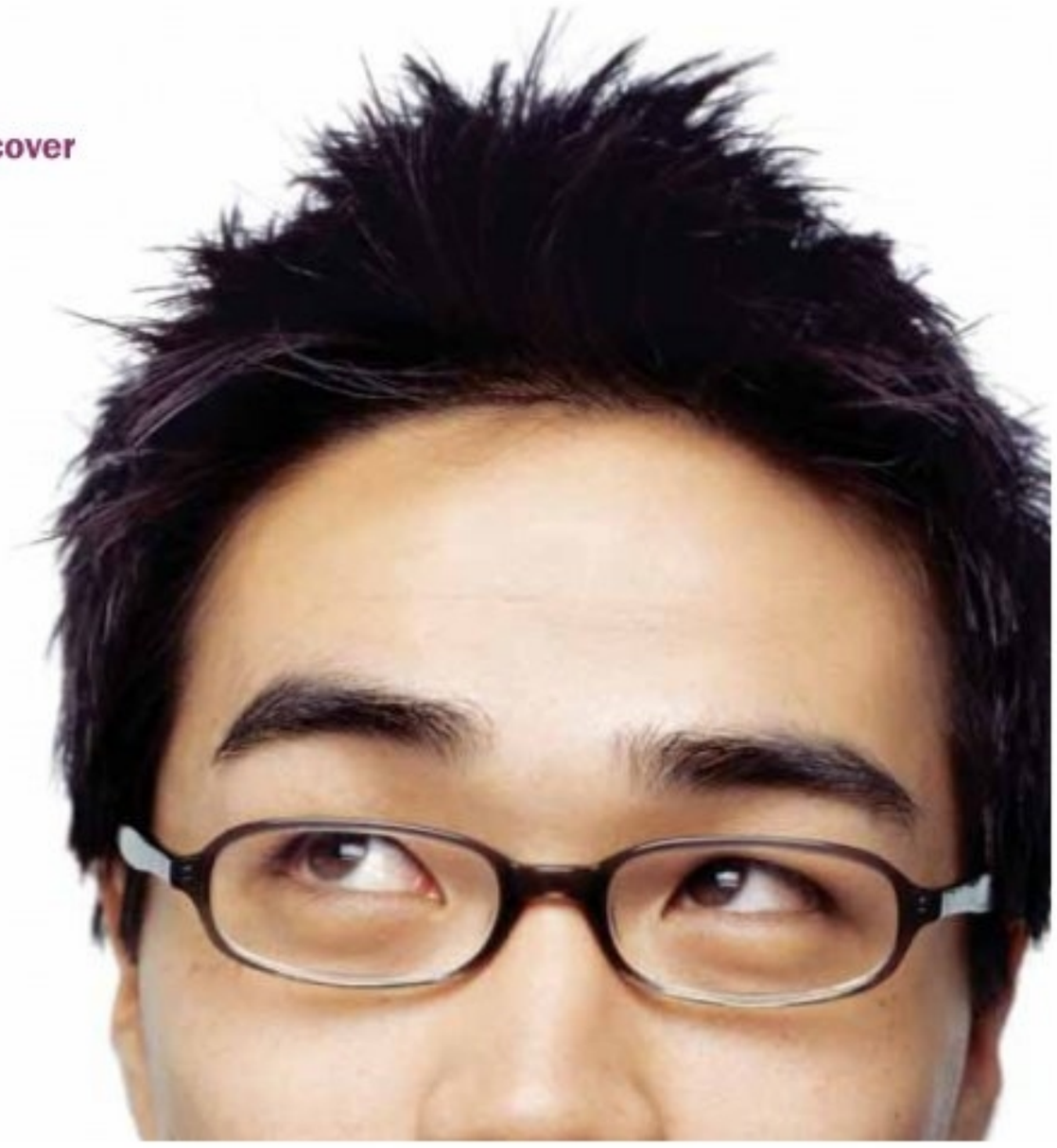

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New gorilla at zoo could start family, say officials

New kid on the block. After Jabari died in August, Motuba has been brought in to breed with Kira.

Motuba may not know it yet, but he's going to be the dominant male gorilla at the Philadelphia Zoo.

The 432-pound silverback gorilla strolled into town last week. And although introductions to his new primate family have yet to happen, zoo handlers have high hopes for him: to mate with Kira, 14, and start a family.

"The family structure is really dependent on the silverback," said gorilla keeper Kristen Farley-Rambo.

"He's the glue of the group. He provides leadership and structure."

Profile

- **Name:** Motuba
- **Type:** Western lowland gorilla
- **Age:** 29
- **Sign:** Aquarius. Born Jan. 25, 1985
- **Weight:** 432 pounds
- **Body type:** Hairy "in a good way!" Farley-Rambo says.
- **Personality type:** Smart, laid-back

Motuba was introduced to the public on Tuesday morning. / CHARLES MOSTOLLER, METRO

The gorilla group has been without a patriarch — and without a potential mate for Kira — since 28-year-old Jabari unexpectedly died in August. Jabari had been paired up to mate with Kira since she joined the group from Boston in June. But before Jabari could start a family with Kira, he died of a bacterial infection and left a huge hole in the family group.

Zoo officials worked with the Species Survival Plan program and found that Motuba, from Omaha, was a great genetic match with Kira.

"He was deemed our guy," said Farley-Rambo. "He arrived Thursday night. We haven't done full introductions yet but we've seen mutual interest. The girls are interested in him and we've heard some breeding vocalization."

The female gorillas will also be "shifting" better, according to Farley-Rambo. The males lead the group from one space to another, and "right now, without that leadership, they are doing whatever they want."

In the next two weeks, introductions will happen and Kira will be taken off birth control to possibly breed.

Matchmaking

But how do you know?

The Species Survival Plan program looks at every single captive gorilla available to find a genetic match. Using mathematical equations, Farley-Rambo said officials look at actual genes to determine which two gorillas would be best suited to producing offspring.

Louis, a teenage male at the Philadelphia Zoo, is not a good genetic match with Kira or even Honi, another female there. "You have to look at the entire family line," Farley-Rambo said, "like how many offspring did his family have. Also, you look at personality."

Motuba has no offspring yet. He lived with bachelor gorillas for most of his life.

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Police ID suspect in shooting that injured student

Gunfire. The shootout occurred outside of Let Out Bar in North Philadelphia.

Jermill Edwards / PPD

Police are looking for a 32-year-old North Philadelphia man who they say is responsible for a shooting near Temple University's campus on Sunday morning in which a bullet grazed the abdomen of a 21-year-old student.

Police issued a warrant for Jermill Edwards, of the 2800 block of Fletcher Street.

Shortly before 2 a.m. Sunday, officers responded to a call about a person with a gun on the 1600 block of Cecil B. Moore Avenue. Police said Edwards, along with another man, were at Let Out Bar when a shootout occurred. The second suspect, a 38-year-old man who has not yet been identified, suffered a single gunshot wound to his knee and was listed in stable condition.

A Temple University student was in stable condition after being grazed by a bullet.

Anyone with information on the whereabouts of Edwards is asked to contact Central Detective Division at 215-686-3093 or call 911.

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Tastykake turns 100 years old

Mascot Kirbee Krimpet was on hand as Tastykake celebrated its 100th anniversary Tuesday, unveiling a new birthday cupcake and sending out 100 delivery trucks to local first responders with the new treats. / CHARLES MOSTOLLER, METRO

Snoozefest

Sleeping Sixers fan becomes a Twitter sensation

Sometimes when you're watching something too depressing to take, it's better to just close your eyes.

During a matchup with the Milwaukee Bucks on Monday, a game the 76ers lost by 20 points, fans were apparently so bored that even a front-row seat wasn't enough to keep one man awake.

Fans tweeting about the game using the tag #sixerstalk read about "The Sleeping Guy," and even prompted an amateur funnyman to sneak over and spy on the snoozing Philadelphian.

SAM NEWHOUSE

Who's got two thumbs and snagged a pic with the sleeping guy? / TWITTER

The lengthy breach of Target's computer networks during the holiday shopping period resulted in the theft of an estimated 40 million credit and debit card records and 70 million other records with customer information, such as addresses and telephone numbers. / GETTY IMAGES

Oversight panel wants to see documentation on Target data breach

Congressional sources. This is the first time the majority on the committee has sent such a request to Target Corp.

A U.S. House of Representatives committee with broad investigative jurisdiction has turned up the heat on Target Corp., demanding that the retailer turn over internal documents and messages describing how and when it learned of a recent massive consumer data breach.

In a letter made available to Reuters, the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform requested that Target turn over all documents or communications generated between Nov. 1 and Dec. 13, in which Target employees or "agents" discuss "any suspicion" that a data breach had occurred.

The committee set a deadline of March 1 for Target to turn over the materials. If the company does not fully comply, the committee majority has the power to issue a subpoena forcing the company's compliance.

In its letter, dated Feb. 24, the committee says it also wants any documents generated between Nov. 1 and Dec. 19 referring to discussions about notifying others about the data breach, and any documents generated since Dec. 12 in which any federal agency advised the company to avoid providing information to Congress. **REUTERS**

Retailer

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Target is the No. 3 retailer in the United States.

Survey

Recent hacks spur new company cyber spending

Almost 60 percent of top firms in the United States, Canada, Britain and Australia have boosted their spending on cyber defenses following the theft of data of millions of customers from U.S. retailer Target and other big companies, a report said.

A survey by BAE Systems Applied Intelligence of senior IT officials in companies ranging from banks to mining, technology and law showed U.S. firms already spending 15 percent of their entire IT budgets on improving security. The number is expected to rise. **REUTERS**

AG Holder

States do not have to defend gay marriage bans

The Obama administration on Tuesday offered verbal support to U.S. state officials who decline to defend their own states' bans on same-sex marriage, entering cautiously into legal fights that are playing out across the United States.

U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder spoke to a conference of state attorneys general less than a week after Oregon's attorney general said her office would cease its defense in federal court of the state's gay marriage ban, a decision that followed similar moves by her counterparts in Nevada, Pennsylvania and Virginia.

Chief state legal officers generally are bound to defend laws that are on the books. **REUTERS**

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Obama ready for no troops in Afghanistan at the end of the year

Holding out. The Afghan president is refusing to sign agreement to leave troops behind.

President Barack Obama has told the Pentagon to prepare for the possibility that the United States will not leave behind any troops in Afghanistan after its troop drawdown at the end of this year, the White House said on Tuesday.

Obama said he had given the order to the Pentagon in a phone call on Tuesday to Afghan President Hamid Karzai, who has refused to sign a bilateral security agreement that the United States insists it must have before agreeing to leave a contingent of troops behind.

"Specifically, President Barack Obama has asked the Pentagon to ensure that it has adequate plans in place to accomplish an orderly withdrawal by the end of the year should the United States not keep any troops in Afghanistan after 2014," the White House said.

Troops

8K

The United States has held out the possibility of leaving behind in Afghanistan as many as 8,000 troops after the formal drawdown at year's end. These troops would conduct counter-terrorism operations against al Qaeda targets and train Afghan forces.

Karzai's refusal to sign a security deal has frustrated the White House, which has been forced to abandon an earlier demand that the Afghan president sign the deal in weeks, not months.

Staking out a new position, the White House statement said "we will leave open the possibility of concluding a BSA (bilateral security agreement) later this year. However, the longer we go without a BSA, the more challenging it will be to plan and execute any U.S. mission."

And the longer both countries go without a security deal, "the more likely it will be that any post-2014 U.S. mission will be smaller in scale and ambition," the White House statement said. REUTERS

Obama: Chicago, Detroit to get $140M for job hubs

The Obama administration is committing $140 million for the two manufacturing innovation initiatives led by the Defense Department, according to the White House. Another more than $140 million from the private sector will support the two centers in Chicago and Detroit, the White House said. "We've got to make sure we're on the cutting edge of new techniques and technologies," Obama said at the White House event. Revitalizing manufacturing will have "a ripple effect throughout the economy," he said. BLOOMBERG / GETTY IMAGES

No warrant

Court ruling eases search of suspect's home

The Supreme Court handed a victory to law enforcement agencies by making it easier for police to search a dwelling without a warrant.

The court held on a 6-3 vote that police can search a home without a warrant, even if the suspect has objected, as long as he is no longer on the scene and a co-tenant gives consent.

It made no difference that the suspect, Walter Fernandez, had earlier objected to the police entering the apartment before police took him outside, the court concluded.

The ruling was a loss for Fernandez, who had wanted evidence found during the search to be suppressed as a violation of the right to be free from unreasonable searches and seizures under the Fourth Amendment. REUTERS

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Safety. Google sets roadblocks to stop distracted driver laws

Google is lobbying officials in at least three U.S. states to stop proposed restrictions on driving with headsets such as Google Glass, marking some of the first clashes over the nascent wearable technology.

Some eight U.S. states are considering regulation of Google Glass, a tiny computer screen mounted in the corner of an eyeglass frame. Law enforcement and other groups are concerned that drivers wearing the devices will pay more attention to their email than the road, causing serious accidents.

So-called wearables such as Google Glass, smart watches and health devices may represent the next big shift in technology, just as smartphones evolved from personal computers. REUTERS

Smartphones

BlackBerry goes back to the keyboard to recover sales

BlackBerry Ltd. unveiled a new, cheaper touchscreen smartphone and a "classic" model with a keyboard on Tuesday, as it tries to stem losses and win back once-devoted security-conscious business and government users.

The news, coupled with more details about the company's strategy in its services business, helped send shares in BlackBerry surging more than 9 percent. REUTERS

Bitcoin exchange goes dark in blow to currency

Six leading bitcoin exchanges — which allow users to trade bitcoins for U.S. dollars and other currencies — distanced themselves from Mt. Gox. / GETTY IMAGES

MIA. Mt. Gox's founding member resigns from Bitcoin Foundation board.

Mt. Gox, once the world's biggest bitcoin exchange, abruptly stopped trading on Tuesday and its chief executive said the business was at "a turning point" but gave no details.

Several other digital currency exchanges, including Bitstamp and BTC-E, issued statements attempting to reassure investors of both bitcoin's viability and their own security protocols.

The website of Mt. Gox suddenly went dark on Tuesday with no explanation, and the only activity at the company's Tokyo office was outside, where a handful of protesters said they had lost money investing in the virtual currency.

Hours later, Mt. Gox CEO Mark Karpeles told Reuters in an email: "We should have an official announcement ready soonish. We are currently at a turning point for the business. I can't tell much more for now as this also involves other parties."

The Tokyo-based Mt. Gox had halted withdrawals earlier this month after detecting "unusual activity," and on Sunday Karpeles resigned from the board of the Bitcoin Foundation. REUTERS

Bitcoins

744K

A document circulating on the Internet purporting to be a crisis plan for Mt. Gox said that more than 744,000 bitcoins were "missing due to malleability-related theft," and noted Mt. Gox had $174 million in liabilities against $32.75 million in assets. It was not possible to verify the document or the exchange's financial situation.

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George W. Bush's art to take spotlight at exhibit of his work

A painting by former President George W. Bush is presented to Jay Leno. / GETTY IMAGES

Creating. Bush took painting lessons after leaving the White House.

George W. Bush, U.S. president turned painter, will have his artwork featured in an exhibit for the first time in April.

More than two dozen portraits painted by the 43rd president will be part of an exhibit called "The Art of Leadership: A President's Personal Diplomacy," the George W. Bush Presidential Center announced on Monday.

The center did not mention the subjects of the portraits.

Artifacts, photographs and personal reflections will also be part of the exhibit, which the center said will "provide an insider's view into President Bush's unique relationships with other world leaders."

His works will be displayed at the George W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum on the campus of Southern Methodist University in Dallas in early April.

After leaving the presidency in 2009, Bush picked up a brush and has painted still lifes, landscapes and animals, including a perched cardinal that the center featured on Christmas ornaments, and a tribute to Barney, his black Scottish terrier who died in 2013.

The portfolio includes self-portraits. In 2013, a hacker obtained Bush family emails that included a painting of the former president in the shower, looking at himself in a shaving mirror, and another posed in a bathtub. REUTERS

Quoted

"I enjoy creating. ... You can express yourself in a way that's unique."

Bush, who signs his paintings '43'

Anywhere. Disney launches cloud-based digital movie service

Walt Disney Co. has launched Disney Movies Anywhere, a service for consumers to buy and watch Disney, Pixar and Marvel films online and store them in the cloud, in the latest bid by a Hollywood studio to encourage digital movie purchases.

Disney is trying to boost digital sales after consumers moved away in recent years from buying DVDs, cutting a lucrative source of revenue.

The media company announced the launch of the new service on Tuesday, coinciding with the digital release of Disney's blockbuster animated movie "Frozen."

The service allows consumers to buy digital movies from a library through Apple's iTunes store and the Disney Movies Anywhere website and app. REUTERS

Bright flashes

Meteor crash produces light show on moon

A meteorite as large as 4 1/2 feet in diameter smashed into the moon in September, producing the brightest flash of light ever seen from Earth, astronomers said this week.

Similarly sized objects pummel Earth daily, though most are destroyed as they plunge through the planet's atmosphere. NASA says about 100 tons of material from space enter Earth's atmosphere every day.

The moon, with no protective atmosphere, is fair game for celestial potshots. The evidence is all over its cratered face and is occasionally recorded by cameras on Earth.

Such was the case on Sept. 11, 2013, when a pair of telescopes in Spain, which were automatically trawling for lunar meteorite impacts, hit paydirt with the longest, brightest flash ever observed on the moon. REUTERS

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"At that moment I realized that I had seen a very rare and extraordinary event."

Jose Madiedo
Astronomer with the University of Huelva in Spain, said in a statement.

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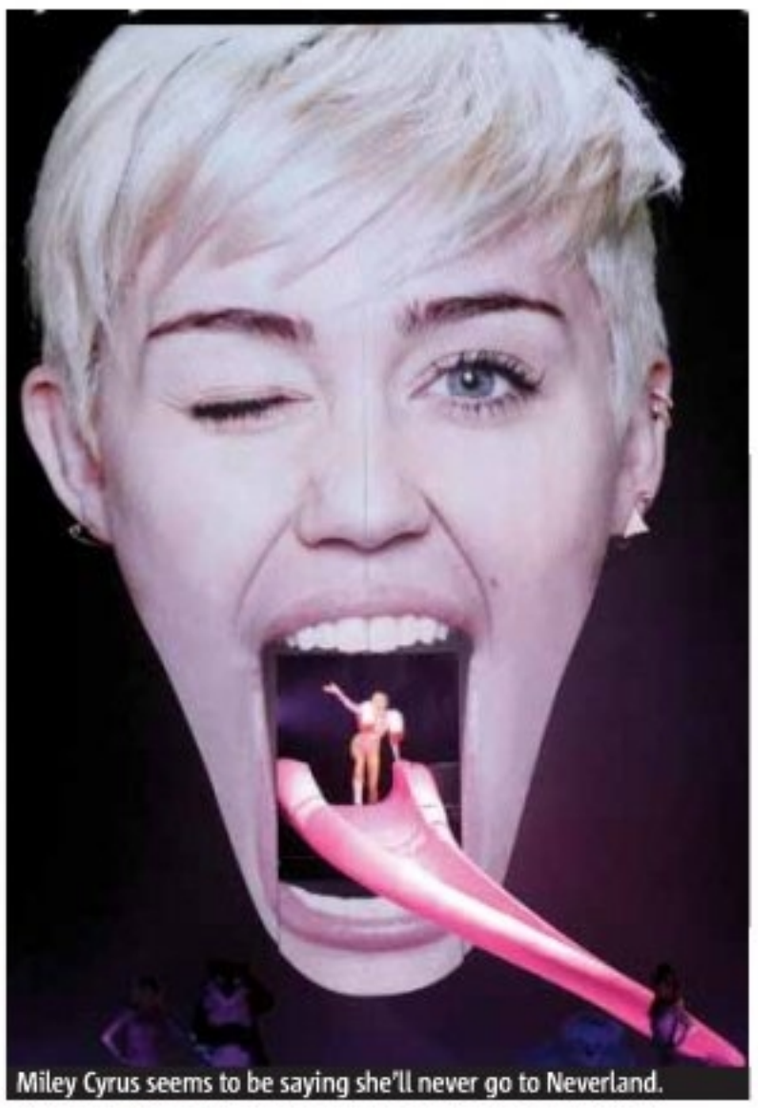

Miley Cyrus seems to be saying she'll never go to Neverland.

1 Cyrus will not be Tinker Bell

Time to slow down with those Miley Cyrus-in-"Peter Pan" rumors, Star magazine. A recent report in the tabloid suggested in an article titled "Just call her Twerker Bell" that the "We Can't Stop" singer was eyeing the role of Tinker Bell in NBC's upcoming live broadcast of the musical, claiming it is her "dream role." Cyrus took to Twitter to refute the claim, posting a photo of the offending article along with the comment, "I would rather choke on my own tongue." And we all know how fond she is of her tongue.

No beach baby for Cowell

Simon Cowell is learning firsthand just how hard it is to parent in the public eye. After photos like this surfaced of Cowell holding 10-day-old son Eric on a Miami beach on Monday, mommy bloggers around the world spit out their placenta smoothies to go on the attack for his bad parenting.

"The sun? Simon, babies' skin is like parchment paper this young…. That kid is gonna look 45 when he's a teen," mommy blog The Stir chastised. In regards to the photos and the fact that Eric flew in a plane (most doctors recommend no air travel until 3 months old because of air pressure concerns), a commenter on another site said, "I know I was told no flying or sun exposure until they were at least 6 months old. I guess these two are just idiots that ignore what a Dr tells you."

To be fair, the photos show that Cowell and co. hid out most of the time underneath a shade and Eric did don a cap. As for me, I'm more aghast at poor baby Eric getting a mouthful of Cowell's chest hair than him being on the beach.

Eric Cowell learns how not to breast feed. / ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

2 CULTURE

Twitter feed

We check in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Today, Michelle Trachtenberg has a lot of imposters, Forest Whitaker is feeling inspired, Idina Menzel is celebrating a personal milestone and Dita Von Teese hopes today's men are taking notes.

@RealMichelleT: I feel like I have to say this quite often. Sorry, but I am NOT on Instagram. They are all fakes!!

@ForestWhitaker: 'It is not only for what we do that we are held responsible, but also for what we do not do.' - Moliere

@idinamenzel: I heard myself on kiss fm today. I almost cried. For years I've been trying to get them to play my music.

@DitaVonTeese: Wonderful quote I read about Casanova: "He treated women as his equals, yet undressed them as if they were his superiors".

THE WORD

Dorothy Robinson takes on the world of gossip.

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3 Get ready for Dunham on 'SNL'

Exciting news for all you "Girls" fans (and haters) out there — Lena Dunham will host "Saturday Night Live" on March 8, according to The Wrap. [Editor's note: How much nudity is allowed on NBC on Saturday night at 11:30?] The musical guest that night will be The National.

"SNL" returns this Saturday with Colin Jost joining Cecily Strong in the newly vacated "Weekend Update" chair. Former "Weekend Update" anchor Seth Meyers left the gig to host NBC's "Late Night," which premiered Monday.

Talking points

Bynes' plea agreement

Amanda Bynes has settled at least a part of her laundry list of legal troubles. The former Nickelodeon star had her 2-year-old DUI charge dismissed after agreeing to a plea bargain for her reckless driving charge stemming from an incident in April 2012 during which she allegedly collided with a police car, according to Radar Online.

Lawrence gets another ending ruined for her

Jennifer Lawrence just can't win. Last month, the "Hunger Games" star had "Homeland" spoiled for her by an overeager red carpet interviewer before she'd had a chance to see all the episodes. And now her "American Hustle" director, David O. Russell, reveals that while they were filming "Silver Linings Playbook" he gleefully spoiled one of the greatest novels of all time for her. "She's walking around the set all the time reading the Tolstoy novel 'Anna Karenina,' which is like a phone book," he tells the Hollywood Reporter. "I was just impressed that this 20-year-old girl is reading 'Anna Karenina' — from Kentucky, who likes to eat junk food and watch 'Real Housewives of Long Island.' She's a down-home girl and she's reading this book. I love it." But he didn't love it enough to let her enjoy it in peace. [Spoiler alert for those of you who haven't finished said phone book-sized tome!] "So I go, 'Have you gotten to the part where she throws herself under the train tracks?' … And she walks away from me sobbing."

'NON-STOP' FUN

Julianne Moore plays a passenger on an endangered flight in "Non-Stop." / WIREIMAGE

Interview. Julianne Moore talks about mixing things up by doing a trashy thriller alongside Liam Neeson.

Julianne Moore and Liam Neeson are both accomplished thespians, but doing an action movie can be a good time. / UNIVERSAL STUDIOS

What is Julianne Moore doing in "Non-Stop"? In this Liam Neeson thriller, a mysterious killer lurks aboard an airplane. It would seem to be too trashy for the multiple Oscar-nominee and Emmy winner. But Moore's the first to point out that she's not so easily pinned down.

"I like to mix it up," Moore says. "If I've done something really serious, I like to do a comedy. If I've done a comedy, I find a thriller that interests me. I like to accrue experience. I don't plan these things. You can't in this business. We have less control than we'd like."

In fact, a perusal of Moore's CV shows such genre fare as the "Jurassic Park" sequel "The Lost World," the comedy "Evolution," the Nicolas Cage thriller "Next" and last year's remake of "Carrie," in which she played the mom. One even sees "Assassins," a 1995 Sylvester Stallone-Antonio Banderas action pic from super-producer Joel Silver, whose mitts are also on "Non-Stop."

But what really drew her to it was playing a mysterious character. She plays a talkative and friendly passenger who sits next to Neeson's air marshal and proceeds to prove helpful as he locates the baddie — maybe too helpful, perhaps? Actually she's one of several characters who's a possible perp.

"I liked that there was a mystery about all the characters," she explains. "I feel like in life, that's the way it is. People don't walk into something saying, 'This is who I am, this is what I want, this is how I'm going to get it.' People don't know you. There's a big life behind what everyone presents to everyone else."

Of course, this is still a modern day Liam Neeson thriller (and only briefly an action film). She's very loose about the film, giggling even as she discusses how it's an entertainment that preys on fears of flying and airports. "It takes a rather ordinary circumstance and turns it into a Hitchcockian event," she says.

As far as her own experiences in airports and planes go, she says she doesn't act like an unapproachable movie star. "People are really nice, honestly. Sometimes I do talk to people and have a nice conversation. I talk to women with children a lot, because I feel for them. If someone sits next to me with a baby, I'm going to talk to her, because I've been there."

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Her co-star

'Lucky to have her'

Neeson himself was just glad she was there at all. "Julianne is one of our great screen actresses," he says. "We were so lucky to have her in this part. The first draft I read of it, the passenger beside me is quite a bland part.

"When I heard they were going to ask Julianne, I was like, 'No way is she going to do this.'"

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Dame Judi Dench adds to an 'Angelic Conversation'

Online. The current Best Actress nominee is heard, not seen, in Derek Jarman's classic.

Whether or not we get to hear Judi Dench make an acceptance speech at the Oscars on Sunday, we can always listen to her as the narrator on New Queer Cinema legend Derek Jarman's "The Angelic Conversation," an experimental film he made in 1985. You can stream it on our site.

An abstract rendering of a failed love affair between two men (Paul Reynolds and Phillip Williamson), Jarman shot the film on smudgy 8mm. To make them even more dreamlike, he used "step printing," where only one out of every handful of frames is used, giving it a slow-motion feel.

On top of the images are dislocated sounds, including an atmospheric, often ominous score by the experimental band Coil. Sprinkled throughout are 14 of Shakespeare's sonnets, read, in pure syrupy goodness, by Dench. She doesn't oversell them; she simply gives them a euphonious, very English gloss. Many of the sonnets Jarman chose, predictably, are the ones Shakespeare wrote for young men.

Jarman called it both his "most austere" work, but also the one "closest to my heart." Jarman would test positive for HIV the next year; he died in 1994. But the specter of death was with him even before he knew his time was limited.

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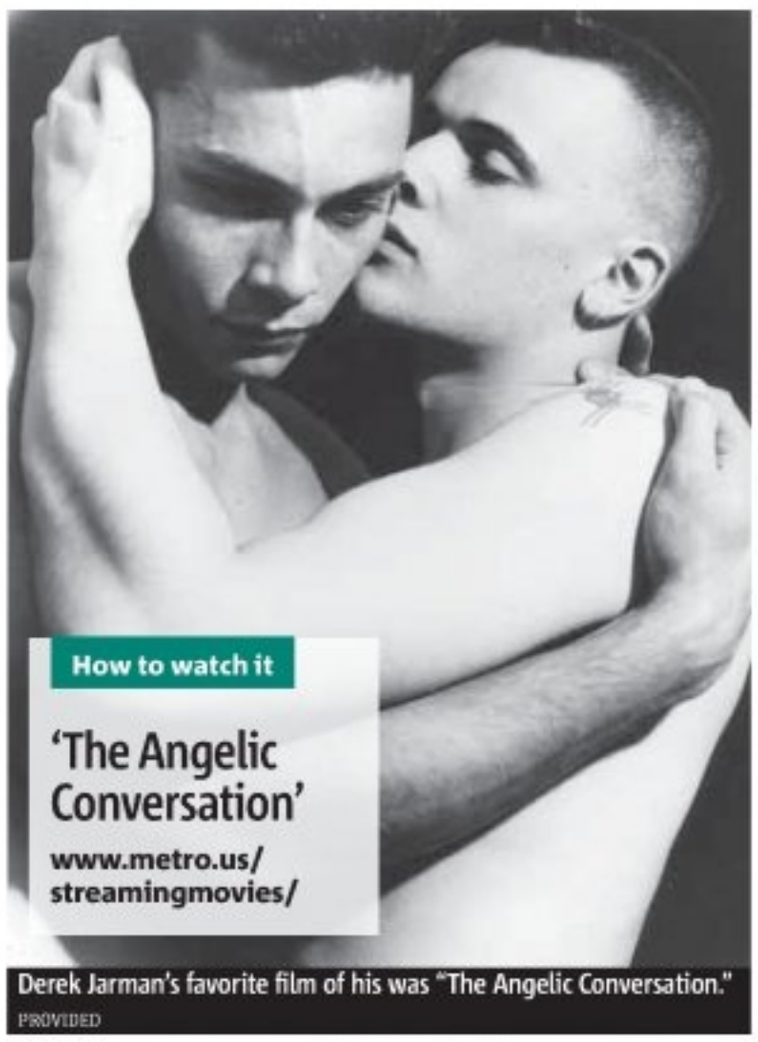

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Derek Jarman's favorite film of his was "The Angelic Conversation." PROVIDED

TV Watch list

TALK

'Ellen' and 'Jimmy Kimmel Live'

It's a special day of cross-promotion at ABC as their two biggest hosts, Ellen DeGeneres and Jimmy Kimmel, guest on each other's shows. Ellen is gearing up to host the Oscars, but Jimmy might have some big news as well. **4 AND 11:35 P.M. ABC**

DRAMA

'Revolution'

Monroe and Connor face new challenges to surviving in New Vegas. Elsewhere, Miles is skeptical of Neville and Jason's desire to bring down the Patriots. **8 P.M., NBC**

COMEDY

'Modern Family'

This surprisingly well-adjusted, dysfunctional family has the remarkable ability to approach edgy topics in a witty, yet wholesome manner. Tonight a feud with Phil's nemesis spills over into a wrestling match between their sons. **9 P.M., ABC**

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Jimmy Kimmel sits down with Ellen. And vice-versa. / ABC

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‘Just busy being me’

Interview. Jicks frontman Stephen Malkmus talks smart classic rock and accidental Pavement rip-offs.

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Stephen Malkmus and the Jicks — from the cheap seats, see them wave to the camera. LEAH NASH

When we tell Stephen Malkmus that a lot of the songs on his new album with The Jicks, “Wig Out at Jagbags” sound like classic rock, but with lyrics that are likely too clever for classic rock fans, we accidentally tap into a vein of existential angst.

“It doesn’t last long, it doesn’t really give you a payoff, it’s like a tease, a tease of that kind of stuff; an elusive classic rock with no payoff,” he begins to consider. “That’s sort of what I feel like life is often like. The big payoffs, we know they are false and we know that they have already been done. It’s like we know our presidents lie and that there are huge losers in capitalism. It’s part of our identity in this era. “

But Malkmus seems like he’s OK with his identity in this era. The indie rock veteran has been taking his kids, aged 6 and 9, to see concerts by pop acts like Macklemore & Ryan Lewis and Lorde.

“I think that’s how music is too,” he continues. “I can get transported by a person’s voice occasionally, and when it’s the right mix of some emotion, just luckily sometimes, I can feel something transcendent ... but even then I am kind of left just saying, ‘Oh hey, nice work! They pulled that off.’”

If Malkmus sounds cynical in conversation, the content on “Wig Out” is at the opposite end of the spectrum. There’s the aforementioned “elusive classic rock” sound, as well as sounds that are almost easy listening. The lyrics feel dashed off, but are never cliched. On “Independent Street,” one of the most classic rock “Wig Out” tracks, he sings, “I don’t have the stomach for your brandy/I can hardly sip your tea/I don’t have no teeth left for your candy/I’m just busy being me.”

For as long as Malkmus has been writing songs, he’s always been him, defying conventions, especially in his noisy beginnings with Pavement. But one has to wonder, will Malkmus ever take an honest stab at something that does give the masses that payoff?

“There’s no point to do that for us,” he says. “I have thought about it, I understand it and I appreciate the simple genius of people that can do that. ... I just don’t do it. Maybe I can’t do it.”

Fact-checkin’ cuz

Running on Pavement

On the new Jicks song “J Smoov,” a horn plays a light riff that sounds a lot like the “nanny nanny boo boo” melody of the Pavement song, “Stereo.” This is news to Malkmus.

“Good point! I didn’t think of that,” he says. “I don’t even think the guy who played that knew. The guy that did that, he was just really talented, I just ran three horn solos, and he just did that. There was a time where we thought we were going to use part one of that solo, because you know how you can mix and match, but then we just ran out of time and got lazy and it was good, so we kept it in there.”

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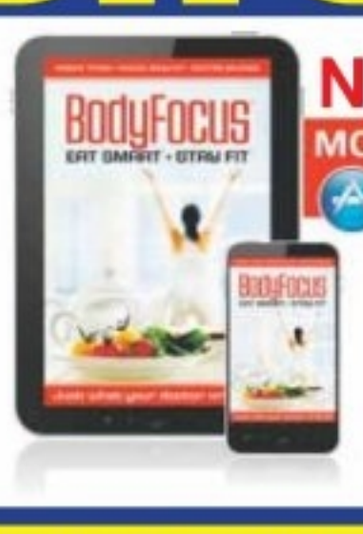

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Austen's leads dance in circles

Pemberley. People's Light & Theatre stages an unusual version of "Pride and Prejudice."

In Jane Austen's "Pride and Prejudice," the romance between Elizabeth Bennet and Mr. Darcy unfolds as an intricate dance, as the two characters navigate class differences, cultural taboos and their own personal failings. People's Light & Theatre takes that dance literally in a new production directed and choreographed by Samantha Bellomo.

The show, which uses Joseph Hanreddy and J.R. Sullivan's adaptation of the novel, foregrounds the intricate Regency dance of Austen's era as the story unfolds in ballrooms and parlors. "The structure of Regency dance informed in Jane Austen's day," Bellomo says. "There's a wave of men and women constantly circling around each other, moving toward and away from each other, in the way that they do in Austen's stories."

While the dance is integral to this production, it was essential to represent it realistically, to not let it become over-stylized and thus betray the essence of Austen's writing, Bellomo says. "Jane Austen wrote realism, so to keep it true to her and not lose the heart of what she was trying to say, we couldn't heighten things too much.

"At the same time, we can use the physical language of the dance to clarify the story."

To capture the style's parallel lines of dancers, set designer Yoshinori Tanokura has reconfigured the stage of People's Light from a proscenium to a "tennis court" set-up, where audiences will sit on either end of an elongated stage. While ideal for her choreography, Bellomo says the configuration has been a challenge for her as a director.

"It's a wide open space," she explains. "It's incredibly exposed, so there's nowhere for the actors to hide. Even in scenes where there are 18 people on stage, every single actor must stay present and engaged.

"If they check out, it's immediately apparent. You have to be constantly circling around and moving."

Marc LeVasseur is Mr. Darcy and Julianna Zinkel is Elizabeth Bennet in the play. / TORI HARVEY

If you go

'Pride and Prejudice'

Feb. 26-March 30
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Dreamy Mr. Darcy

Not a lifelong fan

Austen's novels, and particularly "Pride and Prejudice," retain an avid female following who swoon at the stories' romance even two centuries after they were written. But as thrilled as she is to be directing this show, Bellomo doesn't count herself among the die-hards.

"I'm not a Jane-ite," she reluctantly admits. "I don't recall reading the novel as a young girl. I guess I skimmed through it in high school, but I didn't really sit down and read it until we started talking about producing it, so I don't carry around that kind of sentimentality about the book."

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This year's Flower Show theme is "ARTiculture." / PROVIDED

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Good news: Spring — at least, a spring-like atmosphere — arrives Saturday, with the opening of the Philadelphia Flower Show. For nine days (March 1-9), you can ditch the shovel and salt and escape into 10 acres of beautiful landscapes and gardens at the Pennsylvania Convention Center.

This year's theme is "ARTiculture," celebrating the fusion of art and horticulture. The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society has matched 18 different art museums with exhibitors, each of whom will use their museum as a source of inspiration. "Some exhibitors will base their exhibit on a specific piece or artist," says Kate Chimicles, senior vice president of business development at the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society. "Others were inspired by an art movement or even the museum's building and grounds."

Visitors also will be greeted at the entrance by a tribute to Philadelphia-born artist Alexander Calder, who "invented" the mobile (the huge one in the main hall of the Art Museum is his work). He's also the son of the man who sculpted City Hall's William Penn statue. That tribute also will include performances by a high-flying vertical dance troupe.

In addition to the big theme exhibits, there are dozens of small exhibits as well, including plenty with a how-to slant. And if you're really inspired, more than 180 vendors will be selling plants, flowers, tools and home decor in the Marketplace.

"If you're worried about crowds, come after work," suggests Chimicles, "whether for one of our special evening events or just to enjoy the show on your own." The show is open until 9 p.m. every evening except the closing day.

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Themed events

Three special events are happening at the Flower Show, each with food and drinks in a VIP area, plus admission to the show. "Buy tickets now," Chimicles advises, "because these events are well-attended and may sell out."

Wedding Wednesday

March 5, 6-8 p.m.
Fifty vendors will be available with gifts and advice — and there will be a live wedding! Roxanne Wilson and Frank Kennedy, a teacher and a police officer, won a contest by Philadelphia Wedding magazine for a ceremony at the show and a honeymoon trip to Ireland.

Girls Night Out

March 6, 5:30-8 p.m.
"Our celebrity guest for this will be TV chef Sandra Lee," Chimicles says, in addition to other live entertainment.

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The American (fashion) hustle

Retro style. Oscar-nominated costume designer Michael Wilkinson suits up the movie characters for the biggest con of all: their style.

Amy Adams and Jennifer Lawrence show off their assets in "American Hustle." / COLUMBIA PICTURES

Ah, the '70s, an era where the clothes were as slinky as a John Travolta "Saturday Night Fever" dance move. Now, the big hair, men's chest bush and plunging necklines are back in the Oscar-nominated "American Hustle." Costume designer Michael Wilkinson tells us about the film's most award-deserving performance: Amy Adams' flash-proof cleavage.

Talk us through Amy Adams' style.
Amy's character Sydney goes through an amazing trajectory in the film. She tries to reinvent herself: She gets a job at Cosmo, looks at who she wants to be, what she wants to project to the world — and she falls in love. She gets access to these clothes through Christian Bale's character and she starts dressing as the woman she has always wanted to be. She invents this amazing persona for herself as a sophisticated high-end woman wearing Halston, Yves Saint Laurent, Gucci and Diane von Furstenberg.

What makes the '70s such a defining era for women's fashion?
It's such a liberating time. It was a new style of sexy and glamorous clothes: less structure and tailoring and much more streamlined, dramatic lines.

Amy wears revealing clothes. What were you trying to portray?
She really enjoyed exploring the way these clothes made her feel and how they affected her performance. When her character wears revealing and provocative clothes it's a sign of confidence, but there's also a fragility and vulnerability because there's not a lot between you and the world. She has to walk in a certain way that demands attention.

Were there any malfunctions?
[Laughs] Everything was kosher — nothing popped out. She had a dictum that helped her to survive those dramatic necklines. Three things she had to be aware of: Carry herself upright, be conscious how she stands and sits, and avoid strong winds and draughts. And Amy also had to make sure that she had the editor on her side, so there's a lot of judicious cutting.

Ready for bare chests?

Should modern men bring back unbuttoning our shirts to the navel?
I think so, yeah. There's no fear of being judged — not as body-conscious as we are today. It takes a certain swagger and bravado to wear your shirt unbuttoned to the navel. What I like is that there's a sense of not giving a damn.

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NETFLIX AND COMCAST — IS THE INTERNET SCREWED?

Commentary

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You've probably been hearing a lot about net neutrality lately. Essentially, this term means ensuring the Internet operates on a level playing field in which service providers cannot give certain websites preferential treatment. A federal judge recently struck the idea down, so we could soon be living in a world in which the rich in bandwidth get richer and the poor in bandwidth get poorer.

To that end, Netflix just struck a deal with service providing juggernaut Comcast to ensure the streaming service won't be discriminated against. What are the terms of the deal? A boatload of money, of course. In effect, that means Netflix is paying Comcast to make sure we are allowed to access a service we already pay for on an Internet we also already pay for. As a buster of ghosts once famously warned, "don't cross the streams."

So, is the Internet screwed? Maybe! Maybe not. This is an evolving narrative, but don't be surprised if your John Stamos fansite starts experiencing some hiccups moving forward.

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Netflix made a deal with Comcast to continue streaming their content without interruptions or slow speeds. / GETTY IMAGES

Tasty tunes

Music for every meal

As anyone who has hosted a dinner party or tried to create a romantic dining atmosphere knows, music is key in setting the mood. You can light candles and cook a lovely meal of smoked salmon and couscous, but if Nelly's playing instead of Marvin Gaye, the vibe is totally killed.

Coming to the rescue is Supper, Spotify's app, which curates playlists based on what you're serving. And to make it even better, Momofuku is getting involved. Momofuku's chefs are sharing 12 new recipes you can make at home, as well as songs to play while you're cooking and eating. So, you can follow the recipe for Christina Tosi's Crack Pie while listening to HAIM and Peaches. Sweet!

Momofuku isn't the first restaurant to team up with Spotify to curate playlists and give recipes for the Supper app, but it may be the most popular.

The app also has drink recipes and playlists to round out the dining experience.

EMILY LAURENCE

No more perusing your iTunes for the perfect cooking music. / COLOURBOX

Positive changes in a Galaxy near you

Samsung increases usability with its new S5. Here are the top features that make this smartphone different.

JENNIFER VALDEZ

1 New workout buddy

Samsung's newest fitness-related software, S Health 3.0, provides a comprehensive personal fitness tracker that includes a pedometer, diet and exercise records and a built-in heart monitor.

2 Privacy protection

The new smartphone now has a fingerprint scanner, allowing users to unlock their phone or gain access to personal files literally by the touch of a finger.

3 New and improved camera

The phone's 16-megapixel sensor takes clearer photos and also has a 2-megapixel front-facing camera.

4 Water-resistant

You may not be able to go swimming with your phone, but if you're caught in a rainstorm without an umbrella, your phone will be fine.

5 Battery life

The company boosted the S5 by giving it a 2,800-mAh battery. It's made to last another 24 hours on standby mode so you have more than enough time to find an outlet, and just enough time to get in those last-second calls and texts.

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When eating healthy becomes dangerous

Too far. Being extra rigid with your diet can have scary consequences.

National Eating Disorders Awareness Week goes through March 1. If you suspect you or a loved one has a problem, visit NEDAwareness.org. / STOCKBYTE

It may sound hard to believe, but people are becoming sick because they're too vigilant about eating healthy food. Dubbed orthorexia, this eating disorder develops when people obsess about avoiding "bad" foods, and the condition can lead to malnutrition and, in extreme cases, death.

"We've seen an increase in folks who are looking to their food to be 'right' or pure," says Bonnie Brennan, MA, a Colorado-based certified specialist of eating disorders and the clinical director of the Adult Partial Hospitalization Program at the Eating Recovery Center. "They see food as 'good' or 'bad,' and they also want to be perceived as eating healthily and somehow perfect," she emphasizes. "But restricting foods can lead to a lack of protein or vitamins, and people can become sick."

Similar to anorexia and bulimia nervosa, orthorexia is usually rooted in underlying emotional or psychological pain, or trauma such as rape or bullying. It mostly affects the same personality type, too.

"Generally, these are sensitive, care-taking types — people-pleasers who lose sight of themselves," says Brennan. "We see underlying depression and anxiety. Events happen in life that trigger them into limiting what they eat. They stop recognizing the difference between healthy eating and unhealthy obsessiveness about what they eat."

The condition can then spiral outward. "They can focus on what other people eat and critique it as 'good' or 'bad,' too," Brennan says. "They become obsessive about nutrition in general. I often say my patients know more about nutrition than our nutritionists."

Media bombardment of what to eat or not doesn't help. "Eating disorders are a casualty of the war on obesity," Brennan adds. "Food is continually deemed 'bad' or 'good.' At the center, we challenge patients by exposing them to foods that they are convinced will poison them and make them sick. We try to build psychological flexibility and normality."

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Help

Identify the signs

Treating orthorexia means teaching patients to have a healthy attitude toward eating healthy food. But what should you look for if you suspect you or someone you know might be suffering?

"If a person's diet is stopping them from engaging in family meals, or they won't break from their routine, or can't take a road trip because the foods they eat might not be available, then there's a problem," says Brennan. "They have extreme anxiety and guilt if they stray from the foods they deem good. They experience increasing social isolation and drop out, or put their life on hold."

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My eye was red, itchy, and glued shut this morning. Do I have pink eye?

Bob Costas' eye looked a lot better pre-Sochi. / GETTY IMAGES

Redness and irritation in one or both eyes is generally a symptom of conjunctivitis, sometimes known as "pink eye." Bob Costas had a particularly bad case while in Sochi for the Olympics.

The conjunctiva is the thin mucous membrane lining over the white portion of the eyeball (sclera) and the inner aspect of the eyelids. Inflammation of this normally clear tissue results in redness, swelling and increased secretion of mucous. It can be caused by a number of conditions:

A virus

Any variety of cold viruses can cause a red, mucous-filled eye. In the same way that the offending virus may cause nasal congestion, a sore throat and/or cough, the conjunctiva becomes irritated and makes your eye congested as well. If you have cold symptoms accompanying your pink eye then it is almost certainly due to a virus and will resolve without antibiotic drops.

Bacteria

A bacterial eye infection is a more serious matter and is often preceded by overuse of contact lenses, sometimes leading to a corneal ulceration. There is often pain and any discharge may be thicker and gray-yellow in color. This requires a prescription for antibiotic drops and immediate attention from an eye doctor.

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Allergies

Seasonal or environmental allergies are the most common cause of conjunctivitis. It often accompanies allergic symptoms such as a stuffy nose, scratchy throat or sneezing. Over-the-counter antihistamine tablets and drops may relieve these symptoms, which are usually chronic and recurrent.

Chemicals

Any substance that splashes or is accidentally rubbed into the eyes may cause conjunctivitis. Washing out your eye is the first line of treatment. Any persistent irritation after exposure to or involvement of a caustic substance (like acid) should be cared for as soon as possible in an ER or ophthalmologist's office.

Dry eyes

As we age, the eyes often secrete fewer tears that may result in redness due to drying of the conjunctiva. There are a number of artificial tears and lubricating drops for daily use to prevent development of redness from dry eyes.

Treat it

Do it yourself

General care for any source of pink eye may include warm water to wash away any mucous or crusting, and cool compresses to relieve itching or burning. Over-the-counter drops may be helpful in getting relief from allergies or chemical conjunctivitis, but are of no value in treating infections.

The same viruses that cause colds are similarly contagious by contact or via respiratory inhalation and can spread pink eye from person to person. Wash your hands frequently with soap and water, don't shakes hands and wipe down surfaces with a disinfectant. As long as you have symptoms, you are likely contagious.

See an ophthalmologist

Regardless of the source of your pink eye, always seek immediate attention from an ophthalmologist if you have eye pain or a foreign body sensation, or if your vision is compromised.

Horoscope

♓ Pisces | Feb. 19-March 20. Be businesslike in your dealings. Someone may be overly interested in your personal life. Keep them guessing.

♈ Aries | March 21-April 20. Preparation and organization will be key today. Someone may not be forthright regarding a touchy situation.

♉ Taurus | April 21-May 21. Make plans to have fun with friends or your lover. Deal with your responsibilities in advance so that no one will find fault with your actions.

♊ Gemini | May 22-June 20. Your clever ideas and innovative solutions will lead to a moneymaking venture. Determine exactly what you want to achieves.

♋ Cancer | June 21-July 22. It's a good day to review paperwork. Make changes to improve your savings and investments. Reward yourself by spending a romantic evening.

♌ Leo | July 23-Aug. 22. You are in a romantic mood today. Don't get carried away and offer untrue or frivolous declarations of your feelings.

♍ Virgo | Aug. 23-Sept. 22. Lift your spirits by getting together with your special someone or by treating yourself to a new look.

♎ Libra | Sept. 23-Oct. 22. It is not necessary to seek approval from others for all of your plans. You can gain a new perspective by exploring new locations.

♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23-Nov. 21. Trying to please others will only cause you frustration. Although people may have your best interests at heart, focusing on your own goals will keep you on the sure path to success.

♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22-Dec. 21. With determination, one of your many hobbies could prove profitable. A close look at your interests may reveal the chance for financial gain.

♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22-Jan 20. Following your intuition will lead to inspiration. However, persistence will be the necessary.

♒ Aquarius | Jan. 21-Feb 18. Changes are on the horizon. Make the effort to expand your knowledge by joining a club or class that is interesting to you.

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Sudoku: Easy and hard

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Letters

A laughing matter

Re: 'Do we need a reason to clean up the Earth?' (Metro, Feb. 25) To climate change hysterics like letter writers Richard Feinberg and Brian Beck: The time has come to ridicule anyone who doesn't agree with the very unsettled notion that the Earth is warming because of industry. Unless you support the unpopular taxing of carbon or a global treaty that heavily weighs on the U.S. making most of the "sacrifice," it's time to "man up." I never laughed out loud reading the Metro letter section until yesterday when a tree-hugger told me to "man up" — and that any legislation related to climate change is guaranteed to create a better world.

KEVIN METZ, VIA EMAIL

Arizona law a slippery slope

So a bill under consideration in Arizona would allow a business owner to refuse service to gays and others if the owner believes that doing so violates the practice and observance of his or her religion.

So, the question that I would ask (besides the obvious one of constitutionality), is how do you determine if a customer is gay? Perhaps we should require them to sew rainbow badges on their coats.

GREGORY HOLMAN, VIA EMAIL

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16 Pilots' sightings
17 City conduits
18 Wooden horse site
19 Any -- in a storm
20 Just out of the oven (2 wds.)
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23 Garage event
24 Flirts with
26 Cheyenne's st.
29 Seldom seen
31 Neighbor of CTRL
32 Facilitate
33 Shangri-la
34 Bilk
38 Hiss
40 Rave VIPs
42 Queens stadium
43 Bray
46 Canute's foe
49 Kegler's target
50 Sporty truck
51 "3:10 to —"
52 Dissenting vote
53 Macaws
57 Beaded shoes
59 Put in a row
60 They take a licking
65 Takeout (2 wds.)
66 Dry riverbed
67 Coffee emanation
68 Wave away
69 Harrow rival
70 Genuine
71 Patio view
72 Broken-off glacier
73 Vowed

Down

1 Londoner's umbrella
2 Jai —
3 Go wild over
4 Conclusion
5 Trap
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7 Drachma's successor
8 F. — Fitzgerald
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13 Sen. Kefauver
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22 Diploma –
25 U.K. fliers
26 Laundry load
27 "Holy cow!"
28 Fat cat's victim
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36 "Wool" on clay sheep
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41 Slouching
44 Like — — of bricks
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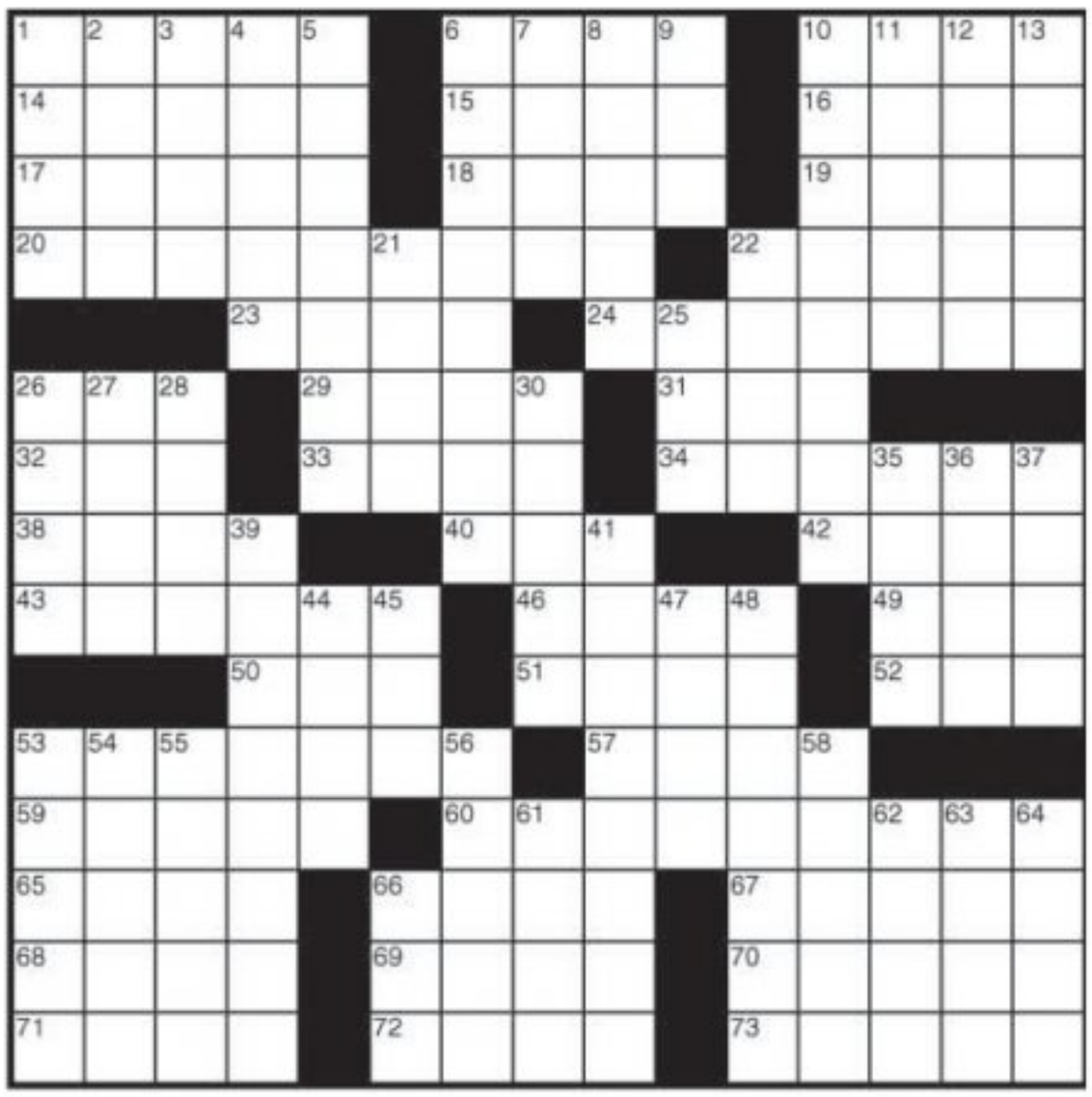

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3 SPORTS

Howard goes deep

Howard homers as Phillies defeat Phillies

The Phillies split their squad in half Tuesday and played four innings of intrasquad baseball to tune up for Wednesday's Grapefruit League opener against the Blue Jays. In his first at bat, Ryan Howard hit an RBI-single, and in his second a solo home run. Dominic Brown added an RBI and Leandro Castro had two in the 7-2 decision.

Nowhere to go but up for 76ers

NBA. The new-look Sixers may be out of contention, but they do have high hopes.

This was all part of the master plan.

When the Andrew Bynum acquisition blew up, it was time to break down the 76ers to the bare minimum. It can only go up from here.

Just before the NBA trade deadline, the Sixers pulled off four separate trades — most notably with Spencer Hawes going to Cleveland and Evan Turner going to Indiana. The Sixers were left with a roster of extremely young players just trying to find their way.

In order to get better in this league, you need to hit bottom before ascending back to the playoffs. But it can happen rather quickly, which is the good news.

For now, the Sixers (15-42) are mired in an 11-game losing streak and were drubbed by the NBA-worst Milwaukee Bucks by 20 points Monday night.

The Sixers have two first-round draft picks and numerous second-round picks. Expect general manager Sam Hinkie to keep wheeling and dealing so this once-proud franchise can make it back to the playoffs.

In 1996, the Sixers drafted Allen Iverson with the No. 1 overall pick. They struggled in the short term but wound up with a string of five straight playoff appearances, culminating with a trip to the NBA Finals in 2001. There's hope.

"It's very frustrating for now because you don't know if you're part of the future plans," said forward Thaddeus Young.

The process is in motion. At least there's a plan. That's way better than the Bynum debacle.

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Eric Maynor is one of the new faces taking to the hardwood for the youthful Sixers. / GETTY IMAGES

Quoted

"All I can do is go out there, get better every day and try and help the young guys along."
Thaddeus Young

Sixers stay positive

Losing season offers players opportunities

Losing is frustrating. No player likes to endure losses on a consistent basis.

But the Sixers are young and the guys in that locker room understand the situation. The first-year coach does, as well.

"You just stay true to get to where you know you want to go," Sixers coach Brett Brown said. "You can't blink. We've had a lot of nights like this, haven't we? You stay the course. You don't blink."

The inexperienced players, however, know they have a terrific opportunity.

"I'm happy to be here," said center Henry Sims, who was acquired from Cleveland. "It's a franchise with a lot of history. I have a chance to play and I'm going to give it everything that I've got. I take pride in playing hard and I'm very excited to be here with a chance to be part of the future."

The Sixers need to get lucky in the lottery if they want to add a player such as Andrew Wiggins or Jabari Parker. Nerlens Noel will be back next season and the team is likely to add a veteran free agent. **ANDY JASNER**

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NHL losing viewers

Source: Flyers TV viewership is in decline

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This is down substantially from the more than 100,000 households taking in Flyers games this time last season. The Blackhawks (159,000), Bruins (123,000) and Rangers (93,000) are the top three local squads when it comes to television viewership.

Columbus averages just 6,000 households per game, the worst in the league. METRO

Flyers near deadline

Flyers not expecting to make big move

Time is ticking for Flyers general manager Paul Holmgren, as the NHL trade deadline is just one week away.

"I like our team," Holmgren said. "I like the way we were playing when the Olympic break started. I think right now if there's something we can do that will help our team down the stretch we will probably look at doing it, as long as it doesn't affect what we have stockpiled."

However, don't expect any game-changing moves.

"I don't foresee anything major," he said. METRO

Recent 76ers acquisition Danny Granger averaged more than 18 points per game from 2007-08 through 2011-12. / GETTY IMAGES

Sixers still undecided on Granger

NBA. The 76ers and Danny Granger have yet to determine whether the onetime All-Star will suit up in Philly.

Less than a week ago the Sixers seized the national spotlight, just for a day, shrugging off their awful record and lackluster play for just one moment as they made a bevy of trades right before last Thursday's deadline.

Arguably the biggest blockbuster of the day netted the Sixers former Pacer Danny Granger. The price tag was Evan Turner, a No. 2 overall pick, and Lavoy Allen.

It is obvious that Granger is in Philadelphia for a single season before he becomes a free agent. But the question still remains: Will he ever play?

"The discussions, the meetings are continuing," Sixers coach Brett Brown said Monday of general manager Sam Hinkie and Granger. "I spoke with [Granger] yesterday."

The dilemma is, Granger, who has averaged just 8.3 points per game in 29 games this season, wants to play with a contender, clearly not with a team at the bottom of the eastern conference standings.

But Granger could play out his contract in Philadelphia and perhaps impress some possible suitors prior to the next offseason.

The Sixers could also buy out the rest of his $4 million contract to cut him loose.

If they do that, he is free to pursue a new home. However, there is a deadline. A player must be on an active roster by Saturday in order to be eligible for postseason play.

"I mean, he's a player and he wants to play," Brown told reporters. "Just trying to sort out what's going to be best for both parties is yet to be determined."

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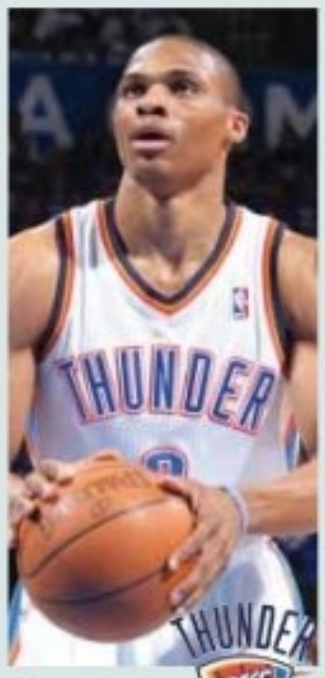

Thunder (43-14)

The best addition at the trade deadline was guard Russell Westbrook returning to the Thunder lineup. Yes, there will be an adjustment period, but they're obviously better with him starting over Reggie Jackson — and were already something close to great without him.

No. 2

Pacers (42-13)

It was a bold move by Larry Bird to trade Danny Granger and risk messing up his team's chemistry. But the Pacers are a more talented team with Evan Turner and Lavoy Allen.

No. 3

Clippers (39-20)

The Clippers' hiring of Doc Rivers is already paying big dividends, as he's the main reason Glen Davis agreed to sign there after a buyout from the Magic.

No. 4

Rockets (38-18)

Houston bounced back from a 102-99 overtime loss in Golden State to beat the Suns in Phoenix, 115-112. They're 9-1 over their last 10 games and face the Clippers next.

No. 5

Heat (40-14)

Dwyane Wade has flirted with triple-doubles in each of the last two games, and the Heat are set to get LeBron James back for Thursday's game against the Knicks.

No. 6

Blazers (38-18)

The Blazers have the best starting five in the NBA with LaMarcus Aldridge in the lineup, so getting him back healthy is a must. He's missed three straight games.

No. 7

Spurs (40-16)

Is age finally catching up to the Spurs? Tony Parker is out with what appears to be an entirely sore body. Yet, he decided to play in the All-Star Game. Where are his priorities?

No. 8

Warriors (35-22)

The Warriors are 4-0 post All-Star break, including a big win over the Rockets. They're currently at the beginning of a six-game road trip before playing 13 of their last 20 at home.

No. 9

Suns (33-22)

The Suns continue to impress, and Eric Bledsoe just returned to the practice court for a game of 3-on-3. He should be a full go soon. Phoenix is 13-11 without him.

No. 10

Mavericks (35-23)

The Mavs are 8-2 in February, with their latest win coming Monday on a buzzer-beater from Dirk Nowitzki. Yes, Mark Cuban stormed the court.

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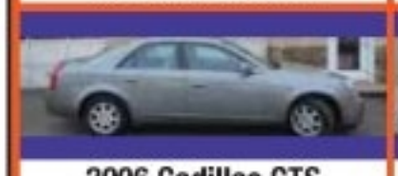
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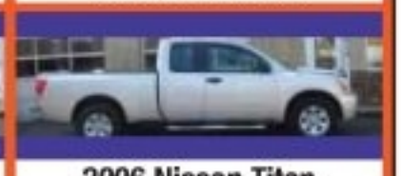
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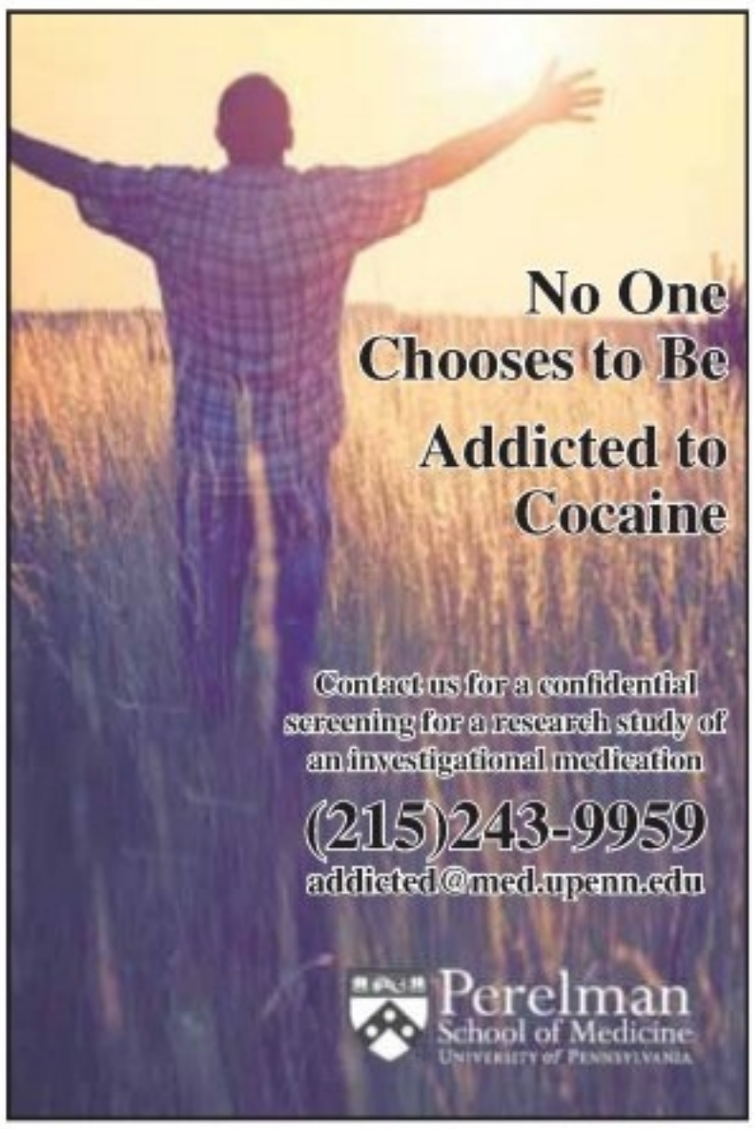
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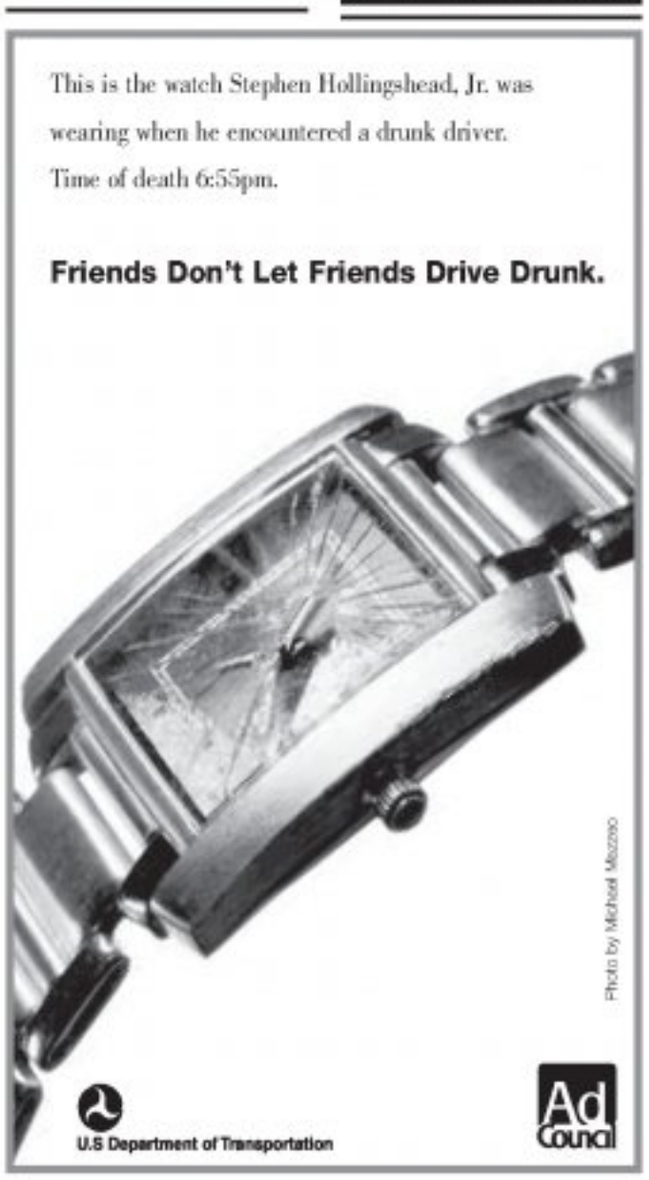
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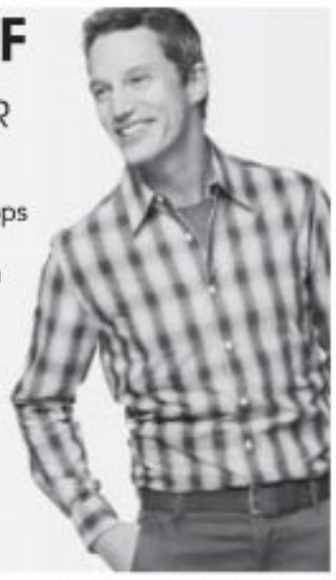

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